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SUBJECT: PROPOSED MEETING IN BERLIN OF ABC COMMISSION

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(D) 76 USBER 2384; (E) 76 USBER 2315

1. IN FEBRUARY 15 BONN GROUP MEETING, ALLIED REPS
EXPRESSED DOUBTS ON THE POLITICAL DESIRABILITY OF HOLDING
THE PROPOSED MEETING OF THE ABC COMMISSION IN BERLIN.
US REP, AFTER TRIPARTITE COORDINATION AND ON BEHALF OF
ALLIED REPS, SAID THAT WE HAD CONSIDERED THE PROPOSED
MEETING FURTHER IN THE LIGHT OF THE INFORMATION THE FRG
HAD GIVEN US ON JANUARY 25 (REF B) AND WISHED TO MAKE
THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

-- WE COULD SEE NO NECESSITY FOR THE COMMISSION
MEETING IN BERLIN. IT HAS EXISTED FOR TWENTY-SIX YEARS
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WITHOUT DOING SO.

-- IT IS CLEAR THAT THE MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES OF
THE COMMISSION ARE RELATED TO DEFENSE MATTERS AND ARE
THUS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF ALLIED RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES
IN BERLIN.

-- WE DO NOT SEE HOW THE MEETING WOULD BENEFIT
EITHER BERLIN OR BERLINERS.

-- WE THEREFORE WONDER WHETHER IT WOULD BE USEFUL
TO HOLD SUCH A MEETING IN BERLIN, A MEETING WHICH THE
SOVIETS WOULD PROBABLY CONSIDER PROVOCATIVE.

2. FRENCH REP (BOISSIEU) AND UK REP (HITCH) SAID THAT
THEY ABSOLUTELY AGREED WITH THAT ASSESSMENT.

3. FRG REPS TOOK NOTES ON THE ALLIED REMARKS BUT MADE
NO COMMENTS.

4. COMMENT: WHILE ALLIED REPS CAREFULLY REFRAINED FROM
EXPLICITLY VETOING THE PROPOSAL, WE WOULD HOPE THAT THE
FRG WILL NOW DECIDE ON ANOTHER SITE FOR THE MEETING.
WE RECALL THAT THE QUESTION WAS FIRST RAISED IN A
MEMORANDUM FROM THE SENAT TO ALLIED MISSIONS. HOWEVER,
UNLESS THE FRG RETURNS TO THE SUBJECT IN THE BONN
GROUP OR THE SENAT RAISES IT AGAIN IN BERLIN, WE ARE
INCLINED TO BELIEVE THAT THE SENAT MEMORANDUM CAN
SIMPLY GO UNANSWERED.
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